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In re Application of: James R. Skarda

For: RF ABLATION CATHETER ASSEMBLY INCLUDING A VIRTUAL ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY

Serial No.: 10/656,422 Filed: September 5, 2003 Docket No.: P11278.00

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months' extension of time. If an additional extension of time is Applicant hereby petitions for required, please consider this petition therefor. Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2546 in the amount of \$_____ for the one-month extension fee. П Please charge any additional fees or credits to Deposit Account No. 13-2546 which may have been X overlooked on this Amendment Transmittal with regard to this filing. A duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed. X Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time.

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated January 30, 2006, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on April 30, 2006, entry and consideration of the following is respectfully requested. Entry of this Amendment After Final is proper since it merely places the claims in condition for allowance, as suggested by the Examiner.